

**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, August 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT

APPROVED MINUTES

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Jason Seacat, Richard Clark, and James Simon (arrived at 7:15pm).
Staff present: David Smith, Town Engineer
Recording Secretary: Susan Hewett

2. Administrative Actions/Requests

2.1 Amendment to Agenda – Additional business to be considered under “Other Business” requires Commission vote

None

2.2 Acceptance of minutes of July 16, 2018

*Richard Clark motioned to accept the minutes from July 16, 2018, as written.
Jason Seacat seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

2.3 Communication Received not related to agenda items

- None

2.4 Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month

- None

2.5 Organizational Considerations

- Town Commission resume/application for service was added to website. Discussion took place regarding Vernon Events Magazine and submitting articles about activities and Commission membership.
- *Richard Clark made a motion that Jason Seacat would draft an article for the Vernon Events Magazine and submit same to Town Planner. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*
- Discussion took place regarding Community Voice Channel covering Vernon events.
- *Jason Seacat made a motion that Ryan Goad would contact Mike Winkler at Community Voice. Jim Simon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

3. Open Space Program Update

Email received from Ann Letendre with three items:

- Strong Farm parcels, 51 acres, spring issue resolved, boundary issue has come up, hopefully looking at closing within two months.
- Box Mountain parcel, appraisal completed in July, parcel listed for sale.
- Connecticut Land Conservation Coalition and Connecticut Forest and Parks are leading a statewide campaign for support of a resolution to protect public lands that will be on the ballot in November. Resolution will ensure greater transparency whenever the state decides to sell or swap open space land parcel in CT. Attorney Amy Paterson Executive Director of CCLC will speak on the topic at Friends of Valley Falls' annual meeting on Sunday, September 30 at 1:00pm at the Red Barn, Valley Falls Road. Conservation Commission members are most welcomed.

4. New Business

4.1 Application Review and comments

Application **[IWC-2018-03]** of Heather Osborne and Thomas Bogue for Wetlands Re-Designation and Wetlands Permit at 200 Brandy Hill Road (Assessor's ID: Map 55, Block 131, Parcel 04A)

- Discussion took place regarding Application
- *Jason Seacat made a motion for Ryan Goad to send an email to Town Planner and IWC with the suggestion of putting in an infiltration structure, which will allow chlorinated pool water to drain safely. James Simon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

4.2 Natural Resources

- Bolton Lakes Issues

A letter is to be passed to Mayor Champagne requesting clarification on who is responsible for maintenance of the dam between upper and middle Bolton Lake. Ryan Goad to prepare letter.

No updates on invasive species, but it seems treatments worked well.

- Significant Trees

-Gypsy moths along corridor of Bolton Road
-Sycamore in Saxony Park discussed

- Notification of Timber Harvest

Fish and Game Club to do selective harvesting of trees, thinning out unhealthy trees, USDA grant. Questions was raised if it would affect roads in the area, concern over protecting stream crossing, suggested using silt fence.

Jason Seacat made a motion to draft an email to IWC and Town Planner regarding the protection of wetland streams during timber harvesting. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

- None

6. Adjournment

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Hewett
Recording Secretary